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1. French Patent Publication No. 2 372 693
2. Luxembourg Patent Publication No. 63 107
3. French Patent Publication No. 2.093.180

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the European Patent Office citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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